



# Berserker Street State School

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### P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00 pm. The meeting is held in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement in our school and encourage as many of you as possible to come along. There is no pressure on new parents to take up a formal position, but there are many ways you can help the school through involvement on our P&C. It would be great to see some new faces!

### EASTER RAFFLE

Help support Year 6 Camp by purchasing tickets in their Easter Raffle. \$1.00 per ticket or 3 for \$2.00. Tickets on sale before and after school on the rubber surface.



### SCHOOL DISCO

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March is our first disco for the year in the Stadium. Notes will go home soon with the theme and costs etc.

### SCHOOL FACEBOOK



Our school has its own Facebook page. This is a great way to keep updated with all the fun and exciting things that happen at Berserker. All upcoming school events, sporting fixtures and results etc. are posted on the Berserker Street State School Facebook page.

### XO LAPTOP LEVY

All students at Berserker are allocated their own laptop to use on a daily basis. There is a \$10 fee each year for the use of these laptops. This covers maintenance, printing, replacement, USB stick etc. Once this levy is paid, a yellow band will be placed on the XO. Students are then able to take their XO home when required for school work. All students from Prep to Year 6 will use these computers in their everyday classroom to enhance their learning.

### LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES

All students must obtain a late slip from the office if arriving at school after 9am. This slip needs to be handed to their classroom teacher. If parents need to collect their child early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students WILL NOT be permitted to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

### ADMIN CAR PARK

Parents please be aware that this car park is **ONLY** for the Admin Staff. It is not a drive in and drop off point for your children. It is dangerous as we have students entering and leaving these gates. Parents need to park outside the school grounds at all times.

### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property at the tuckshop is sorted every week by Mrs Rogers in the library. We are always surprised by the amount of lunch boxes and water bottles that are not named. Please make a point of checking your child's lunch box and water

bottles etc. so that they are **clearly labelled**. Mrs Rogers can then deliver any items that are named straight to the classrooms.

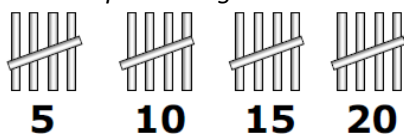
## NATURAL MATHS

### Tallies

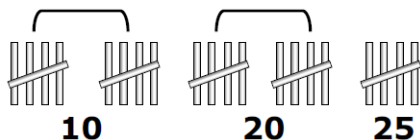


Tallies are a quick and easy way of recording data such as team scores, eye colour, favourite foods; but they are also much more than this.

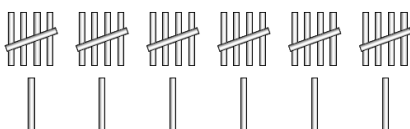
Tallies encourage children to subitise groups of 5 and to count in 5s, a process called *skip counting*:



This leads on to students spotting '10s' and count the 10s to make counting more efficient.



If the foundation is firm, children will have a strong base for both working out and subsequently knowing their multiplication facts.



Did you see this as  $6 \times 5$  and  $6 \times 1$  and say: I know that  $6 \times 5$  is 30 and 6 more makes 36!

Try and use tallies when counting at home with your child and use real life items lying around the house.

## VIRTUES

These are the virtues that students will be learning about this fortnight. Please take the time to talk to your children about these.

### Week 8: Honour

Honour is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself,

other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honourable, you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example.

### Week 9: Excellence

Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### Hands Off, Feet Off

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say 'Stop! I don't like it!'
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please remember that minimum supervision is provided before school for students. We require students to be sitting down in the rubber area until the 8.40am bell rings.

In the afternoon the bell rings at 2.45pm. We ask that parents and caregivers are prompt in picking up their children. We have a great before and after school care Program provided by the PCYC if you require it.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**. This number is able to be contacted 24hrs a day.

It is really important to call the school or call the Student Absence Hotline on the above number, in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly. When using our Absence Hotline, please follow these simple steps by stating:

- **1. Student's name**
- **2. Class**
- **3. Date of absence**
- **4. Reason for absence**
- **5. Duration of absence**

### Same day notification

Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we haven't been notified of a reason for their absence. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact the office on 49990333 as soon as possible, to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT BERSERKER



Berserker Street State School offers before and after school care here at Berserker. This is run by PCYC in the Hall located near the Berserker Street Entrance of the school.

### **Operating hours:**

Before School Care 6:30am – 8.45am (open to all schools).

After School Care 2:45pm till 6.00pm (BSSS students only).

Vacation Care (operates from PCYC Rockhampton) 7.30am – 6.00pm.

For more information please contact Toni on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service, for more information email: [berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au](mailto:berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au)

## HATS



As we are a sun safe “no hat, no play” school, caps are not a part of the school uniform. Hats must be a full brimmed style hat. If your child does not have a hat there are a few undercover areas they can choose to play in. Please make sure hats are **CLEARLY LABELLED** as we are unable to return them to their rightful owner if not done.

## WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

**School starts at 8:45am!**  
**Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much but.....**

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly Half a Year

20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1 and a Half Years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

***Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day!***  
***That's when every minute counts the most!!***

## TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open before school and both lunch breaks Monday to Friday.

Volunteers are always needed so please contact the office or pop in and see Cherie at the tuckshop if you are able to help out.

**Tuckshop Breakfast:** Tuesday to Friday  
8am till 8.40am.

Lunch orders are taken each morning. Students should have their orders on a paper bag clearly named or provide 10c extra for a bag from the tuckshop. **STUDENTS NEED TO FILL OUT TWO BAGS IF THEY WANT TUCKSHOP BOTH LUNCHES.** Orders must be in by **9am** (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

## UNIFORMS

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday during tuckshop operating hours. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, are a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and a hat for play.

## CONTACT DETAILS

There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 49990333 or pop into the office so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

## P&C FOOTY DOUBLE WINNER

The winning Footy Double from Friday night's game between the Broncos and Cowboys was first try scorer **3** and opposition **5**. If you have the winner please bring it to Mr Piskor to claim your prize.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017

Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term one finishes
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School Resumes Term 2
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Labour Day

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 - 2018 INFORMATION SESSION

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session to introduce the school's vision and values, as well as introduce some of the different faculties within the school to potential parents and guardians.

Where: North Rockhampton High School Library

When: Wednesday 15 March 2017

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

### THINKING OF BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

Anglicare CQ is holding a Foster Care Information Session where you can ask lots of questions about becoming a Carer. You will be able to chat with experienced and new foster carers, Anglicare staff including trainers, assessors and support workers and staff from the Department of Child Safety.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

**VENUE:** Anglicare CQ, 164 Musgrave Street, North Rockhampton

**RSVP:** Please contact Child Protection Admin Officer on 48375300 to book a place. Please come to the rear door of Burnett St and press the buzzer for access. Refreshments provided.

### MOUNT ARCHER SCOUT GROUP LEADERS NEEDED - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Mount Archer Scout Group is thriving and growing. We are looking for new youth members (aged 6 to 26 years) to grow our group and learn about camping, outdoor activities, the environment, helping themselves and helping others, and generally having fun and adventures.

We are also seeking more Leaders to help run our sections and deliver fun, enjoyable and educational programs to our youth members. We are seeking men and women between the ages of 18 to 65 years to become Leaders. All training will be provided, and we will help you get a Blue Card, which is essential. No previous scouting experience is required. Leaders come from all walks of life.

If you are interested in becoming a Leader, or your child wishes to join our scout group, please contact Fiona Marshall either by email (scoutbunyip@gmail.com) or by phone 0403 517 609.

### ISA CHEEKY MONKEY'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

ISA Cheeky Monkey's School Holiday Fun - Sport orientated programs, from 8:30am-5:00pm for \$25 per child per day. Bookings are essential, please contact 49278499 or email sports@isarocky.com.au

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